

# Bolivar Bulletin.

SATURDAY, December 15 1866

**Hon. John W. Leftwich.**  
The Congress of the United States have passed an act assembling the 14th Congress on the 5th of next March, which necessitates an election being held in this State for members to serve from March 5th to the 1st Monday in December, when the members elected at the coming August election take their seats. We presume an election for this extra session will be called probably about the middle of February. Of course Dr. Leftwich will be a candidate for re-election. We do not know his wishes on the subject; but we do know what his constituents expect of him, and what they intend to do. They require his making the race, and will most certainly select him by a large majority. The radicals will oppose him if they see any chance to defeat him, otherwise he will walk over the track alone. He has made an honest, faithful and efficient member. He has done all for our people any man could have done; and no man we could elect could do as much for us. We hope to see him returned by the unanimous vote of every Conservative in the District. Old Hardeman will give him what may be considered a solid vote, and we expect other counties of the District to do likewise.

**Radicalism.**  
Under this head is couched all that breathes bitterness and hatred to the people of the South, and through its black canopy is seen the scorching fires of revenge, hatred and malice. We need not go so far from our doors as the capitol of the nation, to cite instances of the wrong that is being heaped upon us, but here, in this State produce enough testimony to show the most unlikeliest that a cruel war is being waged against those who are utterly helpless and powerless at the present time. If a proposition is made which looks to the amelioration of the deplorable condition of the masses of the south, it is frowned down by the radical champions and consigned to what they hope is a bottomless grave. In our own State, as in the halls of the nation, laws are made and measures adopted by men who only represent a minority of the people. How long this usurpation is to continue? Is the question. Who can answer it? Are the American people so forgetful of their rights as to couch in the background and let the bold, reckless few, by slow and measured tread, enslave upon them and tie them hand and foot? We do not believe that such a future condition is in store for the children of men who waged a seven years' war for the boon of republican freedom. The pent up fires of the great nation's heart must have vent, and when the thin crust yields to the smoldering flames of popular indignation, a change must and will take place. If this government is not founded upon the consent of the governed, then the law and its blood-bought charter is a cheat, a base and willful lie. If the people who inhabit the eleven Southern States are not free and fully citizens of the United States, then the boasted ensign of the nation flouts the foulest falsehood ever flung in the faces of men or emblazoned upon the flag of a nation. Every school boy is taught that each star on the American flag represents a sovereign State. If the great commonwealths lately in rebellion are no longer States, then why are the thirty-six stars kept upon the flag of the American Union? Why not blot out eleven of those emblems from the constellation? Radicalism dare not do it; yet it says that eleven States have fallen, and are no longer sovereign in their capacity.

**"Our Transcendent Duty."**  
The Nashville Press and Times of the 10th comes to us with a leader headed, "Our Transcendent Duty," and claims that there are 40,000 men in this State "who hate the very memory of the Confederacy with all the intensity of human hatred and who worship the republican party." After blowing this considerable dust what it calls "our transcendent duty"—i.e., the enfranchising of the negro—that paper says:  
"All other measures for the present sink into utter insignificance beside this. There is not a government in Christendom which would hesitate one hour if in like peril with ourselves. It is right, it is expedient, yes, it is an indispensable necessity to re-enfranchise our colored citizens. If we refuse to do so, we are doomed to share the dark fate of Maryland next August. In God's name will you surrender Tennessee to the hands of a disloyal man? Shall our hitherto brilliant career terminate in miserable humiliation, ineffable dishonor and disaster?"  
We don't know, for one, where the "brilliant" part of your career made itself visible to human eyes, but would assure you that what you have done will "terminate in miserable humiliation, ineffable dishonor and disaster" to your radical crew. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

**\$5,000,000!**  
Brownlow's pet scheme—the raising and equipping of 5000 loyal troops, who are to be employed in looking after unconstructed rebels—is in a fair way of becoming a law. This nice little piece of loyal legislation will only cost the tax payers of this already overburdened State, five million dollars additional expense! Go on gentlemen; but let us remind you that there is an old and truthful saying which reads thus: "give a foot rope enough and he'll hang himself!" You have got the rope, but we are strongly inclined to the opinion that it was stolen. However, the people have suffered much at your hands, and possibly, they can stand your legislation a few months longer. One consolation is left us, and that is, that you cannot hold office much longer. A day of retribution is coming.

No says one of our literary exchanges, "For the information of our dear old folks, we ask how the thing is to be done? Come, you dainty disher of rich morsels of literature—your presider over the columns of the ladies' Magazine, answer the question."

There is but one revolutionary pensioner now living, Samuel Dunn, who enlisted from New Hampshire, and now lives in New York.

## COMMERCIAL.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 13.—Cotton market active. Sales of middlings at 30 1/2 to 31 1/2. Lard 12 1/2 to 13. Dressed hogs active at 10 1/2 to 12, Bacon—clear sides, 15 1/2 to 16. Gold 138 to 140; silver 128 to 130.  
New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton buoyant; 34 to 36 for middlings. Gold 137 1/2.  
Louisville, Dec. 12.—Tobacco improving. Hogs firm, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; killed to date, 57, 162.  
New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Cotton stiffer; middlings 31 1/2 to 32. Sales of 7,500 bales. Molasses, inferior 40c, prime, 52 to 60c. Sugar lower, fair 9 1/2 to 9 3/4.  
Liverpool, Dec. 12.—Cotton demands fair prices and firm; middling uplands, 14 1/2; sales to-day, 1,000 bales.

The Herald publishes a letter from a person who served in the American army, after which in the Papal service, who, when in the South, became acquainted with Sumner, and identified him in Italy and informed the American Ambassador, that in conversation with Sumner he was reported to have said the assassination was planned at Richmond, with the assent of Jeff. Davis.

The Elbert bill, taking from the President the power to grant general amnesty, was put through by a three-fourths majority but no action was taken on it in the senate. It was noticed that Representative Arnell of Tennessee, voted with the so-called radicals from the first, and the Conservative Republicans manifested a disposition to be voting with the democrats.

The Dutch brig Duodecimo is reported wrecked in Van Dieman's Straits, having seventy persons on board. No Europeans and only three Japanese escaped. No date given.

The cornerstone of a new Roman Catholic cathedral was laid at Columbus, Ohio, last week, by Bishop Rosecrans. The style of architecture selected is the "Victorian Restoration," and the entire cost is estimated at \$175,000.

On last Saturday night a fire occurred in Columbia, Maury county, which destroyed \$150,000 worth of property. J. H. Huston, Herstein & Bro., Bunch & Aikin, all dealers in dry goods, and Mr. Williams, druggist, were the principal losers.

Simmons & Phillips' sash factory, Nashville, was consumed by fire on the night of the 8th inst. Loss \$30,000.

Gen. J. P. Brownlow has been appointed Captain in the 8th regiment of regulars in the United States Army, and is allowed until the 1st of April to report for duty at San Francisco.

Senators Cowan, Doolittle and Dixon have been placed at the tail of the committee they have hitherto served on. This is a slap at them for supporting the President.

"Never buy goods of those who never advertise," says Prentice of the Louisville Journal. Those who advertise sell much more and as a consequence sell much cheaper.

Queen Victoria's annual income is \$2,000,000, and her living expenses \$500,000.

The condemned Penitents have been respite until the 13th of March next.

**Important to Tax-Payers.**  
The Memphis Bulletin of the 13th says: Hon. Thomas G. Smith, of the Law Court of this city, in the case of Seesel vs. League, has decided that tax-collectors of State revenue must receive all genuine issue of the Bank of Tennessee in payment of all dues to the State.

A telegram dated New Orleans, 10th inst. says:

Col. John J. Fisher, formerly an officer in the Mexican army under the government of Comonfort and Juarez, and recently of the Confederate army, arrived here yesterday. He left the city of Mexico on the 26th ult., and Vera Cruz on the 4th inst. He says a deputation consisting of the clergy and distinguished citizens went from the city of Orizaba to meet the Emperor. They were received by him, and the object of the interview was to induce him to change his plans and adhere to the constitution. The Emperor intended for \$15,000,000. The capitalists pledged themselves for a like amount. Maximilian then returned to the capital, there being no interference to his movements by the French. Measures were immediately taken to reorganize the army against France. Gen. Marquez Bazaine has been ordered to the command of the troops at Puebla. Gen. Miramon to Guanajuato, and Gen. Majia to the Department of San Luis Potosi, embracing the whole section of the country now occupied by the Liberals. Col. Fisher says it was believed there that the arrangements for withdrawing the French troops had been entirely abandoned, and that the Emperor would be sustained by France.

**What is to be.**—The Philadelphia Inquirer, noticing the arrival of the American Colony, at Jaffa, says:

"This emigration to the Holy City will be but a prelude to the beginning which will populate Jerusalem with a dreadful smart people. They will introduce to the benighted Asiatic sub-soil plows, mowing machines, steam engines and the electric telegraph. They will transform the appearance of the Holy City. They may put up a cotton factory on Mount Moriah, and a saw-mill with the water of the Brook Kedron. They will plant Indian corn on the Mount of Olives, and perhaps pumpkins in the Valley of Hinnom. Ben-poles will support their leguminous treasures in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. The establishment of a Congregational Church on Mount Zion, and the erection of garages opposite the Hebron Gate, may be reckoned among the possibilities of this strange emigration, which recompenses the world for the migration always hither from the East to the West, by sending a few pioneers back again."

The great mass of rebels now hope and labor for the re-establishment of slavery. This is undoubtedly true. Secession sheets do not venture to deny it.—*Memphis Sentinel.*

What's the use of denying it you black-guard? asks the Bossier (La.) Janner. If every secession sheet, so-called, from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, were to publish weekly whole columns of denial for the next twelve months, you and others like you, would still assert that the thing "is undeniably true. When you tell your readers that 'the great mass of rebels' are laboring or intend to labor for the re-establishment of slavery, you utter a thing which you know to be utterly false. In fact, not to put too fine a point upon it, you lie like a dog."

**Union Bank Money.**—To all whom it may concern, we would say that holders of notes on the Union Bank must present them at Nashville, before the first day of January or they will be worthless.

## Pardoning Power.

The passage of the act of July 17, 1862, conferring on the President the power to pardon for certain offenses alleged to have been committed against the constitution and laws of the United States is a palpable assumption by Congress of a prerogative vested by the constitution in the executive alone—an unconstitutional usurpation by the legislative department of the government.

The clause in which that power is conferred upon the President is very explicit, and its exercise, both before and after conviction, has never been denied. It reads: "He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment." We can see no restriction in that. Kent says: "The power of pardon vested in the President is without any limitation, except in the simple case of impeachment; some of our jurists, however, are inclined to think that the repeal of this act would confine the President to pardon after trial and conviction. The act professing to confer this power reads: 'The President is hereby authorized, at any time hereafter, by proclamation, to extend to persons who may have participated in the existing rebellion in any state or part thereof, pardon and amnesty, with such exceptions, and at such time, and on such conditions, as he may deem expedient for the public welfare.' We propose to show that this law conferred no powers on the President—that it was and is a nullity, and that its revocation will not take away one iota of his constitutional right to pardon at any time, whether before or after conviction."

There is not a case on record, either in England or the United States, where the right to exercise this power without limitation of time, has been denied to the King on the one part or the President on the other. The only question analogous to this ever raised in England was whether the King could grant a pardon after conviction in an Ecclesiastical court; it was a question as to his power to grant pardon before conviction. And possibly it is on these very grounds that the radicals deny, in the face of the plain provision of the constitution to the contrary, the president's undoubted right to pardon in all cases except impeachment. No other exception to its exercise can be found in this country, and in England, even this exception does not exist; for the King may pardon in impeachments as well before as after conviction. Justice Story, so far from doing under the constitution, was a question as to his power to grant pardon before conviction. 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